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1. European Patent Specification Publication No. 1 029 267, published March 23, 2002.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,020,024 issued May 28, 1991.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,956,474 issued September 21, 1999.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,141,770 issued October 31, 2000.

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